

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1238

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Dr. Rita Sowell to the standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), creates a standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), requires that such committee "review and evaluate the recommendations of the two (2) standards review and development committees and post the recommendations to the web site created pursuant to § 49-1-311(a)(3) for the purpose of gathering additional feedback from the public"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), further requires that the committee "make the final recommendations as to the new set of standards to the state board, which shall adopt sets of standards in English language arts and mathematics that fit the needs of Tennessee students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), provides that the Speaker of the Senate shall appoint three (3) members to the standards recommendation committee; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Governor Randy McNally, Speaker of the Senate, has appointed Dr. Rita Sowell to serve on such committee; and

WHEREAS, a professor of mathematics at Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Dr. Sowell currently serves as the assistant math chair; she has taught math courses for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sowell has been an adjunct faculty member at the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University since 1983, teaching courses for the MBA and EMBA programs to prepare students for their quantitative course work; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sowell obtained an Ed.D in Administration and Supervision in 2010, a Master of Science in Mathematics in 1991, and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(b), provides that all appointments to the committee "shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of Dr. Rita Sowell to the standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics.